

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO. 12059 OF 2007

DATE: 12.06.2007

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BETWEEN

1. Basha Rampalaraju S/o Venkanna and two others

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....Petitioners

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AND

1. The Tobacco Board, represented by its Chairman, Tobacco Board, Guntur and two others

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.... Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

Petitioners claim to be growers of tobacco. It is stated that they have submitted an application on 22.9.2006 before the first respondent for grant of Barn licence under Section 34L of the Tobacco Board Act. They complain that the first respondent has not taken any action so far and the same is resulting in hardship to them.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent Board.

The Act and the Rules made thereunder prescribe the procedure for grant of different kinds of licenses. One such is licence for establishment and maintenance of tobacco barns. The question as to whether the petitioners fulfill the conditions for grant of licence needs to be examined by the licensing authority. The delay in consideration of the application would affect the applicants and the matter cannot be kept in pending indefinitely.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of directing the first respondent to consider the application said to have been submitted by the petitioners on 22.9.2006 in accordance with law and dispose of the same within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. To avoid delay in the matter, it shall be open to the petitioner to file copies of the application and demand drafts along with a copy of this order before the first respondent. There shall be no order as to costs.

L. NARASIMHA
REDDY, J

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